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The Honorable Elaine Chao
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I wish to bring to your attention the Pease Development Authority Division of Ports and Harbors' (PDA-DPH) application for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant. I strongly support PDA-DPH's application for this grant, which would assist PDA-DPH in rehabilitating the main ship wharf at the Market Street Marine Terminal. According to PDA-DPH, the proposed rehabilitation will facilitate better freight movement between water and land and improve connectivity to all major freight transportation modes through onsite rail access and proximity to Interstate 95 at New Hampshire's only public access, general cargo, deep-water terminal.

PDA-DPH states that the rehabilitation will return the main wharf to a state of good repair and will allow PDA-DPH to replace a deteriorated wharf access bridge that has collapsed. PDA-DPH estimates that completion of the main wharf project will result in over \$18 million in transportation savings over 30 years, with an additional \$1.7 million in savings from reduced traffic congestion over that same period.

I wish to thank you in advance for your full and fair consideration of PDA-DPH's application for this BUILD grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol Shea-Porter".

Carol Shea-Porter
Member of Congress